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COMMONWEALTH *v.* BAILEY.

Jan. 16, 1919.

[97 S. E. 774.]

**1. Game (§ 5\*)—Hunting License—Person Who Hunts—"Hunt."**  
—In view of Acts 1916, c. 152, § 33, a fox hunter is a person who hunts, within section 32, requiring such persons to procure licenses when hunting on property other than their own; the word "hunt," as defined by lexicographers, meaning to take part in a chase for sport or exercise, as to hunt the fox.

**2. Game (§ 5\*)—Hunting Licenses—Exception.**—As Acts 1916, c. 152, imposes a general license tax upon all persons who hunt, etc. any exception thereto must be strictly construed, and those claiming to come within such exception must make it clearly appear.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 12 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 771.]

**3. Statutes (§ 188\*)—Construction—Meaning of Words**—It is a fundamental rule of statutory construction that words used in an act are to be given their natural and ordinary meaning, unless it plainly appears they are used in some other sense.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 12 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 767.]

Error to Circuit Court, Southampton.

Ernest Bailey was charged with hunting foxes without a license, in violation of Acts 1916, c. 152, and from a judgment of the circuit court, affirming a judgment of justices of the peace dismissing the warrant, the Commonwealth brings error. Reversed and remanded for further proceedings.

*The Attorney General*, for the Commonwealth.

*Junius W. Pulley*, of Courtland, for defendant in error.

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COMMONWEALTH *v.* HUTZLER.

Jan. 16, 1919.

[97 S. E. 775.]

**1. Licenses (§ 7 (8)\*)—Power of Legislature—License and Ad Valorem Tax.**—The Legislature may impose both a license tax upon

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\*For other cases see same topic and KEY-NUMBER in all Key-Numbered Digests and Indexes.